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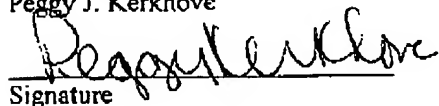
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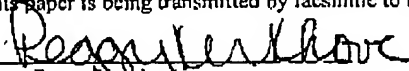
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Serial No.: 10/500,435 Group Art Unit: 1637
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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. At least some of the references were recently cited in a Korean Office Action mailed April 27, 2006. A copy of the office action is enclosed.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted after the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits or a first Office Action after filing a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 or a CPA under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d), but before the mailing date of: i) a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113; ii) a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311; or iii) an action that otherwise closes prosecution on the application. Please charge deposit account no. 50-3478 for the amount of \$180 for the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p).

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US 6,979,450 is an English equivalent of JP 11-263736. An English abstract has also been included for JP 11-263736 and the remaining Japanese references.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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